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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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#### **AMENDMENTS**

# In the Specification:

On page 2, prior to the heading "<u>FIELD OF THE INVENTION</u>", please insert the following:

## -- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/468,247, filed December 20, 1999, which is now U.S. Patent No.\_\_\_\_\_.--

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-67.

Please add the following new claims 68-90.

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A chip package comprising: 68. packaging material having a first side and a second side, a lead extending from the first side of the packaging material, and a first clip portion extending from a second side of the packaging material.

- The chip package of claim 68, further comprising a second clip 69. portion extending from a third side of the packaging material.
- The chip package of claim 69, further comprising a flexible insert 70. residing between the lead and the first side of the packaging material, wherein the flexible insert supplies spring force when the lead is compressed.
- The chip package of claim 70, wherein the flexible insert is 71. cylindrical.
- The chip package of claim 71, wherein the flexible insert is a 72. compliant material.
- The chip package of claim 72, wherein the compliant material is an 73. elastomer.
- The chip package of claim 70, wherein the lead is substantially C-74. shaped.

- 75. The chip package of claim 74, wherein the lead is compressible.
- **76.** The chip package of claim 70, wherein the lead is compressible.
- 77. The chip package of claim 68, further comprising a support pin extending from the packaging material.
- **78.** The chip package of claim 69, wherein the first and second clip portions are integral with the packaging material.
- **79.** The chip package of claim 68, wherein the lead is a flexible metallic material.
- **80.** The chip package of claim 78, wherein the metallic material comprises beryllium-copper.
- **81.** The chip package of claim 68, wherein the packaging material is comprised of a flexible material.
- 82. The chip package of claim 81, wherein the flexible material supplies spring force when the lead is compressed.
- 83. The chip package of claim 68, wherein the packaging material comprises silicone rubber.

- **84.** The chip package of claim 68, further comprising a cam follower extending from the packaging material.
- **85.** The chip package of claim 68, further comprising an integrated circuit disposed in the packaging material.
- **86.** The chip package of claim 69, wherein the first and second clip portions are flexible.
- 87. The chip package of claim 68, wherein the packaging material has a bottom-facing housing that extends laterally from the packaging material, the bottom-facing housing having a pocket formed therein.
- **88.** The chip package of claim 87, wherein an end of the lead is disposed within

the pocket when the lead is compressed.

**89.** A package, comprising:

an integrated circuit enclosed with the package,

substantially C-shaped leads at a first end of the package,

a guide member on a side of the package, wherein the guide member has a ramp, and

mechanical support pins at a second end of the package opposite the first end,

wherein the package resides substantially horizontally with respect to a circuit board when the package is inserted in a base assembly coupled to the circuit board.

**90.** The package of claim 89, wherein the integrated circuit is a dynamic random access memory device.

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